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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed below, or an original, first and joint inventor if plural inventors are named below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR REMOVING PARTICLES ON SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS**, which:

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto. I hereby authorize any practitioner at Customer No. 23494, of Texas Instruments Incorporated, to insert in paragraph (b) below, the filing date and application number of said application when known.

(b) X was filed on 02/28/02 as Serial No. 10/085,725.

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration;

No application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by me or by my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America, except as follows:

**Japanese Application No. 13(2001)-59777, filed March 5, 2001.**

I hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code Section 119(a) of any foreign applications listed above.

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I hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code Section 119(e)(1) of any United States applications listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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